

REMARKS

This amendment and reply is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

In particular, claims 1-5 remain withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 6, 14, 15, 17 and 19 are currently being amended.

Claim 16 is currently being canceled.

Claim 21 is currently being added.

Claims 6-11, 13-15 and 17-21 are presently pending for consideration on the merits.

The amendments to the claims have been made based on a telephone interview conducted with Examiner Hassanadeh on October 28, 2004. During that interview, Examiner Hassanadeh indicated that the Appeal Brief filed on October 12, 2004 was defective, and that a corrected Appeal Brief needs to be filed. Also, during that interview, Applicant's representative discussed amending independent claim 6 in order to distinguish over the cited art of record, whereby Examiner Hassanadeh indicated that such amendments, to include features of dependent claim 16, may likely distinguish over the cited art of record.

Accordingly, presently pending independent claim 6 has been amended to include the features of now-canceled dependent claim 16, whereby those features directed to the gas window are not taught or suggested by any of the cited art of record, and whereby those features are much different from the gas window structure disclosed by Morishige, and hence are clearly not an obvious modification of the structure disclosed by Morishige. For example, please refer to the discussion on page 15, lines 12-19 of the specification, which explains the advantages achieved by the claimed gas window structure.

Dependent claims 17, 18 and 19 recite additional features of the present invention that are not disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited art of record.

New claim 21 has been added to recite additional features of the gas window openings, that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited art of record.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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